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PAMPLIN

Mrs. Percy Lucado, Miss Nannie Bell Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Williams of Farmville returned last week from a trip to the mountains of West Virginia.

The Pamplin chapter of A.S.R.P. will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Coleman Thursday, August 10th. Covered dish supper will be served.

Mr. Wilson Oakes of Salisbury visited friends last week. .

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Williams, Pamela and Tommy Harris visited Mr. and Mrs. David Savitz of Roanoke last Sunday.

The annual picnic at Holiday Lake of the families of Emmette F., Allen B., and Elijah W. Williams will be August 21, 1977.

TOPS Is On The Move!

The TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club which has been meeting at the Evergreen Community Center will begin meeting at the Fidelity National Bank, Hillcrest Branch as of Thursday, August 18, 1977.

Weigh in time begins at 6:30 p.m. with the program beginning after the weigh in. New and former members are invited to this meeting where you will have the opportunity of competing in our new contest which has a first prize of $50.00 and a runner up prize of $25.00.

For further information, contact Gay Stafford, TOPS Leader, 352-8873.

UNABLE TO GIVE NOTICE OF CONTROLLED BURNING

Responding to a letter written to the editor of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN and published in the August 4, 1977 edition, David Smith of the Virginia Division of Forestry, Appomattox, says it is very hard to make a decision ahead of time as to the exact date and time they will be able to burn a tract of land in the county. Controlled burning has to depend on the weather conditions and you definitely cannot tell days in advance if it will rain or if the wind will be blowing and make controlled burning impossible.

The Virginia Division of Forestry has asked the pulpwood companies that will be burning in the county to notify them no later than 9 a.m. on the morning they plan to burn tracts of land and they in turn will notify they Sheriff's Department, the Fire Department, Fire Wardens if necessary, and Radio Station WTTX who will notify people in the area of the planned burning.

Land is being cleared so that it can be replanted and we will have pulpwood in future years. Controlled burning of certain tracts of land in our county will continue and Smith says he hopes that it will not upset anyone.

If you see a forest fire and can't find out if it is controlled burning you may contact the office of the sheriff. Verify if it is controlled burning before you report a forest fire.

The Pastor Speaks

A HOUSE OR HOME

Our house is the building in which we live. It is often built of solid materials to shelter us, give us privacy and security. Our home is the people inside the house; how the family lives together and the family relationship they have.

A forum on the American family with Harry Reasoner as moderator recently concluded that a great number of people think of the normal home as a place of quiet retreat, warm happiness and supportive love. The forum stated many people do not, however, describe their homes as normal. Rather that feelings of discouragement, conflict, anger and tension were dominant in their home life.

All people want a happy home and will try in every way to make home life appear normal to friends and visitors. There is no way of knowing how many are having problems. Perhaps some of you reading this would describe your home as having tension and conflict within. Is there anything that can help strengthen our homes and make them happy?

I believe God's Word tells us how. The home was planned, established and blessed by God. Adams, the first man, was lonely in the perfect surrounding God had placed him in. God created a woman to be his wife and companion. Matthew 19:6 states, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife." Marriage is ordained of God and the best preparation for marriage is finding forgiveness of sin and eternal life through Jesus Christ. Faith in God is necessary for a Christian marriage. When recently questioned regarding the reason for the longevity of their marriage, one couple stated, 'God is the bond that has kept us together for so long.' The divine plan is marriage is God as the head or leader, the husband and wife seeking to do God's will and training their children to love God. Ephesians 6:4 fathers are instructed to "bring them (their children) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:1 further states "Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right."

A warm loving, friendly happy home is possible in our time. In order to achieve this, God must be a definite part of the family. Too often, God is shut out of the home. The term religion is used instead. It is scoffed at by many falsely thinking they don't need religion, that they can make it on their own without God. When one tries to 'make it on their own', they usually end up with selfishness, conflicts and life usually gets out of control completely.

But as a person surrenders his life to God and His leadership, they begin to learn about the spiritual and personal charactistics of a good marriage. New goals become love, trust, faithfulness, loyalty, disciple, instruction and guidance.

A young serviceman and his family, lived in a hotel near the military base at which it was serving. A woman said to their little girl, "Isn't it too bad you don't have a home?" "Oh we do," the little girl replied, "we just don't have a house to put it in!" To make your house a home, put in it an attitude of unselfishness, love, and trust and most of all, God as head. Read the Bible and pray together and God will bless your family. A house is not a home unless it provides food and fire for the soul as well as the body.

Paul A. Balthaser, Pastor
Central Baptist Church
Hollywood Baptist Church

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

THE POWER OF THE FEW

Lesson for August 14, 1977

Background Scripture: Judges 6 through 8
Devotional Reading: Judges 6:11-16

We know that "bigger" is not necessarily "better"... but we usually have a hard time remembering that fact. The tendency to be drawn always to the "biggest" is a childish perspective that some of us never outgrow.

Rev. Althouse

This same preoccupation with physical or numerical size may affect our religious outlook, too. We assume that the biggest denominations are necessarily the most successful ones. We believe that the largest local congregations are the most powerful ones. But that isn't necessarily so!

The power of the remnant

I have often observed that quality and quantity are factors in religious life that are quite unrelated. I have had the privilege of visiting some of the largest Christian churches in the world. Yet, despite their impressive buildings, large staffs, and professional-level choirs, I have often noted that it would be a mistake to judge these churches "successful." I would rather be pastor of a congregation of one hundred committed people than of one of a thousand "luke warm" church members.

You see, the gap between one hundred committed people and one thousand of the "lukewarm" variety is more than filled and excelled by the power of God. This is the meaning of the story of Gideon in Judges 6,7, and 8. God's instructions to Gideon seem ridiculous: "The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand..." (Joshua 7:2). And after Gideon had reduced his forces from twenty-two thousand to ten thousand, God said again: "The people are still too many..." (7:4). So Gideon applied a test that reduced his force to a mere three hundred men. Now, said God, "I will deliver you and give the Midianites into your hand" (7:7).

The rout of the many

Strange and illogical as it seemed, it worked. With but three hundred hand-picked men, Gideon was successful in routing the numerically superior force of his enemies. The battle had depended upon the power of God, not the physical might of Israel's army.

It is important for us to realize that God was showing Gideon, not only that he could do the job with fewer men, but that if the job was to be done, there had to be a paring-down of his forces. God was able to accomplish more with a handful of receptive people than with a whole host of men whose commitment and quality left much to be desired. Three hundred men had accomplished what twenty-two thousand could not do, for the power was not in numbers, but in the presence of God in their midst.

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FARM BUREAU WOMEN ANNOUNCE CONTEST WINNERS

Winners in the Appomattox County Farm Bureau Crewel Work contest were Mrs. Louella Coleman, Senior Division, won a $5.00 prize, Miss Stephanie Gilliam in the Junior Division won a $5.00 prize and Miss Connie Krantz, 14 and under, won the $5.00 in her Division.

In the Farm Family. Life Poster Contest, winners were Sally Coleman, 1st prize of $5.00; Russell Walton, 2nd place winner, $3.00; and Renee Glover, 3rd place winner, $2.00.

The Women's Committee would like to thank all those who participated, and Mrs. DeWit Evans and Mrs. Geraldine Marshall for judging the crewel work, and the Extension Office agents for taking the posters and judging them.

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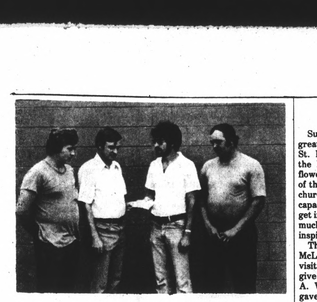

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Donnie Harns, Bill Slagle, Ken Harris, and Rober Campbell are shown in photo above as Bill Slagle, Community Relations Manager, Virginia Fibre Corporation, donates check to Gladstone Fire Department. This is just one of the many ways that Virginia Fibre Corporation helps area civic organizations.

HOLLYWOOD

Mrs. Sam Powell, Mrs. Margie Grabes and Mrs. Grey Snow of Halifax visited Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Sr. Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb and Mrs. Walter Wingfield & Mr. Rufus Wingfield were visitors in this home also.

Mrs. Chalres Hanenkrat and Mrs. Joe Baldwin spent Thursday with their sister Mrs. M. L. Covington. They called in the home of Mrs. Mary Bagby in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfiled of Roanoke spent last week at their home in Appomattox. They were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and children were also guests in this home Sunday. We are so glad William and April Watson are out after a spell of sickness last week.

Mr. Harry Jenkins returned home Friday after four weeks in the hospital. We are so glad he's back home and improving nicely.

Mrs.W. T. Covington is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital. Her relatives and many frinds are praying she will have a speedy recovery.

We are very sorry Mr. J. L. Torrence was carried back to Virginia Baptist Hospital Saturday morning. We pray he may soon be feeling better and back home.

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Walker Webb met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Webb of Richmond Sunday for their reunion.

We are very sorry to hear Mrs. Ernest Farrar fell last week and broke her leg and is back in the hospital. We pray she may soon be better.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jenkins of Baltimore visited his mother, Mrs. Addie Jenkins and sister, Mrs. Ber Abbit at the Liberty House in Lynchburg and his brother Mr. H. W. Jenkins in the Lynchburg General Hospital last week.

Mrs. Bradley Jennings and Mrs. Myrtle Jennings called in the home Saturday afternoon of Mrs. Ruby Woodall and family and Mrs. Mary Bagby.

Among others visiting Mr. H. W. Jenkins Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa, Mrs. Patricia Webb and children, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Jamerson and granddaughter Sharon, Mr. Harvey Ferguson and Mr. Scott Sheets.

Mr. Elmo Banton of Mechanicsville visited his mother Mrs. C. R. Banton Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goin were visitors in this home and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Sharpe visited Mrs. Banton Sunday morning.

Those visiting Mrs. C. R. Banton Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson and Sandra Johnson of Lynchburg, Mrs. Gladys Luck of Richmond and Mrs. Virginia Wood, also of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Forester and children of Lively, Va., Mrs. Peggy Hortness of Pehnix and Mrs. Maude Deaner of Lynchburg.

Among those visiting Mrs. W. T. Covington Saturday afternoon in the hospital were Mrs. M. L. Covington, Mrs. Russell Conner, Mrs. Mary C. Garris, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield, Miss Julia Wingfield and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Smith were among others visiting Mrs. Covington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ramsdell of North East, Pa. spent a few days last week with their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Ramsdell of Appomattox. They visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sperry were supper guests Wednesday night of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family. Mr. and Mrs. William Hammock and family visited in this home Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Deaner's niece, Miss Arliss Deaner of York, Pa. spent the afternoon Tuesday and was a supper guest that night of Mr. and Mrs. Deaner and family.

Visiting Mrs. Mary Bagby last week and Sunday were Mrs. Tim Ramsdell, Mrs. Alfred Almond, Mrs. Bill Watson, William and April, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Julia.

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ST. LUKE

Sunday August 7, 1977 was a great and glorious day for the St. Luke Baptist Church. As the home comers and friends flowed in to enjoy the occasion of the annual homecoming, the church building filled beyond capacity. Those who could not get in filled the yard to enjoy as much as they could of the inspiring services.

The pastor, Rev. J. E. McLaughlin gave away to a visiting minister and a friend to give the message. The Rev. A. A. Woods came forward and gave an uplifting message.

The Junior Choir gave the music for the day. This was a day of challenge to try to raise enough funds to complete the building bill. The auxiliaries of the church made fine contributions. The Sunday School - $500.00; outh in Action for Christ - over $400.00. Others raised over $50.00 each. Memory fund in charge of Mrs. Scott over $1,800.00 with the general offering for the day over $4000.00 was taken.

The St. Luker's are expecting to be ready to burn the mortgage in the near future.

The evening service was in charge of the Rev. Harry J. Pilson for the homecoming message. With him was his group of young singers, which was an inspiration to all.

Food, food in a bountiful supply was served by the ladies and friends of the church. A very hasty shower came overnight after the completion of serving the dinner. Thus, a great day for all went into history.

The revival service that will begin August 8th at 7:30 P.M. in charge of Rev. C. W. Eule. All are asked to please come and help make this a week of faithful service for the Lord.

Mr. C. J. Walker has returned to his home in Texas after spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Grace Walker of Rt. 1, Concord, Va.

The Cornerstone Baptist Association and Convention will meet August 17th through 19th at the Hills Creek Baptist Church. Rev. J. E. McLaughlin President, and Rev. J. Cabell, President of the Convention will preside.

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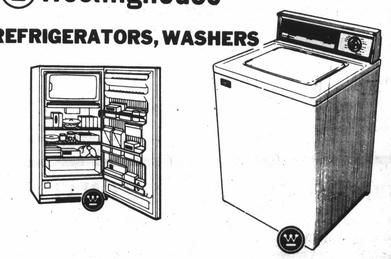
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